



Rotary
Lakes Entrance



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKES ENTRANCE

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ROTARY FOUNDATION: BRUCE HURLEY

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: SANDY YEATS

MEMBER LIAISON: LESLEY MACKENZIE

YOUTH SERVICES: JEFF WILSON

MEETINGS:

CENTRAL HOTEL
231 THE ESPLANADE
LAKES ENTRANCE
CLUB MEETINGS AT
5:30PM 2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAY
EACH MONTH

CONTACTS:

MEETING ATTENDANCE: LESLEY MACKENZIE 0419 871 197
ENQUIRIES: BERNARD ABRECHT 0407 903 229

***IF YOU ARE ATTENDING A MEETING, YOU MUST ADVISE LESLEY
IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.***

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PRESIDENT BERNARD'S BRIEFING



It's been a particularly busy couple of weeks with Rotarians enjoying pre-Christmas activities to the full. Following the visit from our friends from the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, we found lots of ways to keep our members occupied and entertained.

One group went on our traditional weekend to Bemm River. They caught lots of fish – or at least some of the group caught lots of fish. Then they all entertained themselves, as they always do, with a snooker competition and a great BBQ. A full report, with photographs, can be seen further into this Bulletin.

While some of our members were working hard with their fishing lines, others took a cruise from Melbourne to Kangaroo Island. Again, further details and photographs are shown in later pages of this Bulletin.

All in all, an eventful few weeks including some sad news with the passing of past Rotarian Barrie Peel.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE ST BRENDAN'S ART SHOW

Our Club has traditionally helped St Brendan's school each year in assembling, and dis-assembling, the boards for the children's art show in the school hall. We intend to do so again this year but, to be honest, we are lacking all the 'able-bodied' people needed to complete the tasks.

Fortunately, St Brendan's staff and families have offered to assist this year, but we still need some members to be available to lead the way.

If any of our team can be available to help complete the two tasks, can you please call Bernard – 0407 903 229 – to confirm their attendance.

Timings are:

- Assemble Monday 9 December, commencing 3:30PM at the Rotary shed.
- Dis-assemble Sunday 15 December, commencing 3:30PM at the school hall.

VALE BARRIE PEEL

On Saturday 23 November 2024, Barrie Peel passed away, following his long illness.

We all know Barrie as a former member of our Club. He held the position of Club President twice, in 1994/1995 and 2002/2003. He was also granted a Paul Harris Fellowship award for his work in Rotary, and to the people of the community.

Many Rotarians, ex-Rotarians and members of Inner Wheel joined a huge gathering at Barrie's funeral to support his family at this time.

OTHER LOCAL CLUB MEETINGS



Lakes Entrance RC	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays of the month	5.30PM for 6:00 PM	Central Hotel Lakes Entrance
Bairnsdale RC	Tuesday	6PM for 6:15PM	Bairnsdale Club Nicholson St Bairnsdale
Mitchell River RC	Monday	5:45PM for 6:15PM	Bairnsdale Club Nicholson St Bairnsdale
Orbest RC	1st and 3 rd Wednesdays of the month	6PM for 6:30PM	Orbest Club Gladstone St Orbest
Bairnsdale Sunrise RC	Wednesday Mornings	6:45AM for 7AM	The Hub, 27 Dalmahoy Street Bairnsdale
Rotary eClub Latitude 38	Make contact on eclublaturity38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublaturity38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link	Make contact on eclublaturity38@mail.com for the latest Zoom link

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COLLEAGUES IN ECLUB

The Rotary eClub Latitude 38 will be holding it's Christmas function at the Narkoojee Winery & Restaurant, Located 220 Francis Rd, Glengarry North from 12 pm, Sunday 15th December. Narkoojee is a rural setting by the foothills of Great Diving Range and is a multi-award-winning winery. Food is locally sourced and paired with Gippsland wines. Happily, cater to all dietary requirements. Indoor and outdoor seating available. Entrees range \$12 - \$16; Mains range \$34 - \$50. Pizza on menu.

If you are able to join us, we will need a response by close of business Thursday, 6th December to ensure catering requirements are met.

Please RSVP to Di Harrison at di16harrison@gmail.com.

GUESSWORK !!

- Paddy says to Mick, "If you can guess how many doughnuts are in my bag, you can have them both".



Once again, another house in Melbourne was destroyed and another occupant died inside the inferno. Again, there was no working smoke detector in the house.

Please make sure smoke detectors are working and change the batteries every 12 months, unless they are long-life batteries.



The smoke alarms themselves also need to be replaced every ten years, no matter what type they are.

OUR CLUB PROGRAM

Date		Meeting Type	Venue	Program	Remarks
Dec	Wednesday 4 December	Opp Social	Lake Tyers Tavern	6pm Social dinner	
	Wednesday 11 December	Club Meeting	Wyanga Park	Christmas Function	
Jan	Wednesday 22 January	Joint Meeting of Cluster Clubs	Esplanade Cafe	Briefing by Judite from Timor Leste	TBC

Can all members please ensure that they contact Lesley – 0419 871 197 – to confirm attendance, by lunchtime on the Monday before a scheduled meeting.

OUR CLUB — ALL AT SEA



Last week, saw 22 Rotarians & partners from Lakes and Bairnsdale embark on a voyage from Melbourne to Kangaroo Island. The only issue was that Kangaroo Island was suffering bad weather. The party could not go ashore, so it became a trip to nowhere.

Still, our group was undaunted and spent their days on board dining, enjoying the wine, dancing and generally having a great time.

They hope the weather is better next year.

OUR CLUB AT BEMM RIVER



Another great weekend was had at the Bemm. Topped off with our BBQ on Saturday night with our fish fresh from the lake. Lesley found a Rotarian in the caravan park from Warrnambool by the name of Serge and he came along to our BBQ and had a good time chatting with other Rotarians.

Friday night we all had dinner at the pub followed by the pool comp which was won by Mike G and Sandy Y.

Rob was awarded the trophy for the biggest fish at 38cm and between he and Bernard, they caught 56 fish. So, we were able to take some home for ourselves as well as feed the 18 of us on Saturday night.



Rob – 2024 Trophy Winner

OUR CLUB SPONSORS

Our Club acknowledges the generous support, which continues to be offered by our ten major sponsors. Their support is crucial to the continued viability of our Club and, as such, they form an important part of our life in Lakes Entrance. For these reasons our members support these sponsors and encourage others to do the same.



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